

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 stand previously canceled. Claims 22-42 are currently pending. The Examiner contends that the application contains two patentably distinct species:

Species 1: A snap fastening having holding elements that are levers, corresponding to Claims 22, 24, 31-33, and 35-42; and

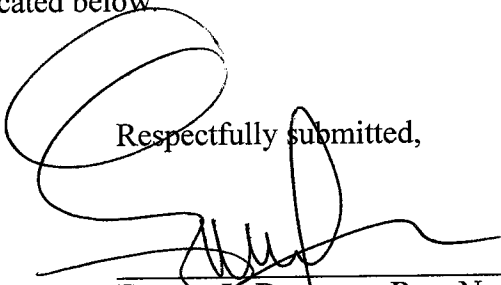
Species 2: A snap fastening having holding elements that are slides, corresponding to Claims 23, 25-30, and 34.

Restriction Requirement (06/29/09), P. 2.

Applicant provisionally elects to proceed with Species 2, corresponding to Claims 23, 25-30, and 34.

Based upon the above remarks, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorney would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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